

PLANTERS IN 35TH SESSION SUM UP YEAR'S PROSPERITY; RECORD SUGAR CROP, GOOD PRICES; OFFICERS NAMED

Retiring President J. M. Dowsett Sounds Keynote of Thankfulness—A. W. T. Bottomley, New Head of Organization—Committee Reports Show Advance in Production Methods—Labor Shares Benefits—Ta riff Situation Expected to Be Discussed Briefly

Present prosperity and strong confidence in the future are the keynotes of the address with which J. M. Dowsett, retiring president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, this morning formally opened the 35th annual meeting of the association.

It is expected that the tariff situation will be discussed during the session, though there will be little to add to what is already known about it. In his address today President Dowsett formally announced that the year just closed has set a new high record for sugar production in the territory, with 446,446 tons, the average price received being \$89.868 per ton.

The benefits which the labor of the plantations has derived from the good prices are also brought out.

The address is as follows:

"Gentlemen:
"It is my duty as president of your association to open this, the 35th annual meeting of the association, and to all those in attendance I extend a hearty welcome.

"The keen interest shown in the business which was transacted at our last meeting by the large number of members who were in attendance was testimony enough to the importance and value of these annual meetings to the industry in which we are engaged, and I hope that at this session the free exchange of ideas and experiences, particularly by those of us whose business it is directly to produce our sugar, will be of benefit and pleasure to all engaged in the sugar industry of this territory.

"It is a trite saying, which present conditions in Europe do not contradict, that that country is happy which has no history, and it can be said with equal truth that the sugar industry of Hawaii is fortunate when the president of its association has to explore the mysterious future in order to find topics wherewith to pad his annual address, for a favorable season, heavy yields, good prices and peaceful, if not wholly contented labor, leave me little to say as to the past, except that I trust our good fortune will kindle in us sentiments of gratitude and generosity, which will find expression in acts which correspond to them. That one deserving class will not be forgotten, I shall shortly show.

"The very few statistics I give you will take little time to read, and may be useful at least for reference.

"The past year gave us a new record in our crop of sugar, the total yield being 446,446 tons, this amount exceeding that of 1914, the next largest, by 28,406 tons.

"Some of the credit for this large yield is due to the exceptionally favorable weather in the summer of 1914, which especially benefited the non-irrigated plantations on the island of Hawaii.

The average price for our product for the year ending October 31 last, based on the average Cuban basis for 96 degree centrifugals, in New York, was 4.934 cents per pound or \$89.868 per ton.

"Good crops of sugar have been obtained in all the cane-growing countries and with the yield of the beet crop on the mainland also large, as well as a falling off in the world's consumption, lower prices were expected towards the close of the year.

"A scarcity of ocean tonnage, however, in the past few months, thereby delaying the marketing of the last of the 1915 Cuban crop, largely contributed to a sudden demand on the part of the eastern refiners for supplies of raw sugar to meet their requirements at this season of the year, resulting in the price of raws again advancing until it reached the high point of the year early this month. Still, prices to consumers have never reached figures which worked a hardship to anyone.

Labor.

"Small numbers of Filipinos have arrived during the past year, and as the result of the better knowledge of the superior labor conditions here, communicated no doubt by those here to their friends at home, a better class of these immigrants than what the pioneers consisted of has been obtained, and a high value is now placed on this labor by our managers. They, rapidly after their arrival, gain in weight and strength and are soon not only desirous but become well able to compete with their fellow workmen of different races.

"The conclusion is clear that the advantages, which it was hoped would be derived by the Philippines, through some of its people being given an opportunity of working alongside of other labor, which is everywhere regarded as highly efficient, are being secured.

"No other labor, in which the association is directly interested, arrived during the year 1915.

"The continued improvement in the domestic conditions of our plantations claims some part in the improved health of our labor, which has been good during the year, and the wages now paid, if they do not satisfy all, leave little ground for complaint.

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MANY PLANTERS MEET AT FIRST DAY'S SESSION

Regular Routine of Business Followed; Reports Are Presented

President J. M. Dowsett called the 35th annual meeting of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association to order at 10:10 o'clock this morning. One of the largest—if not the very largest—attendance of members in the history of the organization was present in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce, Kaulaolani building, King street.

Besides the veteran secretary, Hon. W. O. Smith, at the right of the president, several other members were present who had shown themselves at the annual sessions, off and on, for the entire life of the association since it was organized in 1882 under the name of the Planters' Labor and Supply Company.

L. J. Warren, the assistant secretary, called the roll of both individuals and corporations and formally announced a quorum present. He then read the minutes of last year's convention.

President Dowsett then rose and delivered the opening address, in which he reviewed the sugar industry for the past year and discussed its future prospects. Hearty applause rewarded the reading of the address. It is printed elsewhere.

Mr. Smith read the report of the secretary, which was presented in printed form, the tabulated records of the past season's sugar crop, together with the crops for ten years, 1906-1915.

Old Directors Re-elected.

On the next order of business, election of directors, the old board was re-elected on motion of J. T. Moir as follows: F. A. Schaefer, E. D. Tenney, E. F. Bishop, F. M. Swartz, J. P. Cooke, George Rodiek, J. M. Dowsett, A. W. T. Bottomley and W. O. Smith.

A recess as usual until the afternoon to permit the trustees to elect officers having been suggested by the president, Mr. Smith said that this business ordinarily took only a few minutes and it would be a pity to have so much idle time. One of the committee reports might be taken up until twelve o'clock.

President Dowsett objected that it had always been the rule for the incoming president to take charge of the main proceedings.

E. D. Tenney said there was a committee room available for the trustees to meet in immediately, and on motion of E. F. Bishop a recess until 11 o'clock was declared.

Upon the resumption of business Mr. Dowsett announced the following officers as having been elected:

President, A. W. T. Bottomley; vice-president, George Rodiek; secretary and treasurer, W. O. Smith; assistant secretary and treasurer, Louis J. Warren; auditor, J. W. Waldron.

New President Begins Business.

Mr. Bottomley, informally introduced by the retiring president, took the chair amid applause. He expressed his appreciation of the honor, saying it would be his endeavor to conduct

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'WILDER'S TALK IS FIGMENT OF IMAGINATION'

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 14, 1915.
Lane, Secretary of the Interior.
Washington, D. C.

Wilder's statement relative to my health and intentions is a figment of his imagination, and has been given publicity for ulterior motives.

PINKHAM, Governor.

Governor Pinkham sent the foregoing message by cable to Secretary Lane of the Interior this morning. The governor declined to comment upon it, merely saying, "The message ought to speak for itself."

Rumors in considerable number have come to Honolulu of late regarding statements made by Judge A. A. Wilder regarding the governor's health and the likelihood of his resigning. Several newspapers of the coast that have come in on the latest mails also contain interviews with Judge Wilder, in which the judge speaks on the same subject.

RETIRING AND NEW HEADS OF PLANTERS



Above—J. M. Dowsett, who today closed his term as president of the Planters' Association. Below—A. W. T. Bottomley, the new president.

OFFICERS OF PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION 1915-16

A. W. T. BOTTOMLEY, President;
GEORGE RODIEK, Vice-President;
W. O. SMITH, Secretary and Treasurer;
L. J. WARREN, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer;
J. W. WALDRON, Auditor.

FAMOUS PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY BAND WILL PLAY TONIGHT

Through the courtesy of Capt. W. H. Loving, acting at the request of Mayor Lane, Honolulu will have an opportunity tonight to hear a long program by the Philippine Constabulary band, one of the most famous of all the musical organizations which played at the San Francisco fair.

The band has been at the exposition a year and is returning to Manila on the Sherman, which docked here today. There are 36 men in the band.

The concert will be given in front of the Young hotel, from 7:30 until 9 o'clock. The program is to be varied. Mayor Lane made a personal request to Captain Howard for a concert here tonight and was met with an affirmative answer at once.

Because of the concert by the visiting band, the program announced on page 10 of this edition for the Hawaiian band has been cancelled. The Constabulary band's program will be as follows:

March—The National Emblem. Frank Suite—At the King's Court. Sousa
a Her Ladyship, the Countess.
b Her Grace, the Duchess.
c Her Majesty, the Queen.
Serenade—Les Millions d'Arlequin. Drigo
Infant matus from Stabat Mater. Rossini
Sr. Leon Roberto
Overture—Obertin. von Weber
Intermezzo et Valse—Russe. Franke
Fifth Nocturne.Leybach
Reminiscences of Donizetti. Godfrey
Star-Spangled Banner.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 4.675 cents. Previous quotation, 4.89 cents.

U. S. UNCOVERS MORE TEUTON BOMB PLOTS

Lads Are Acquitted Of School "Mutiny"

That a thorough investigation be made of conditions at the Boys' Industrial School at Waialeale was the request made by a jury in Circuit Judge Ashford's court at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon just after the jury had returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of 11 of the inmates of the school who were charged with being the ringleaders at the recent "mutiny" at the institution.

The case of George Maloi and 10 other inmates of the Boys' Industrial School at Waialeale, alleged to have been the ringleaders in the recent "mutiny" at the institution, went to the jury in Circuit Judge Ashford's court shortly after 12 o'clock today with much popular interest in the result. Twelve boys were indicted by the territorial grand jury on a charge of unlawful assembly. The case against Peter August was nolle prossed at the instance of City Attorney A. M. Brown. Trial of the case began yesterday morning, Attorney Clem Quinn having been appointed by the court to defend the alleged ringleaders.

The jury was composed of F. E. Colby, Sam Nuuanu, J. A. Noble, C. W. Renear (foreman), William K. Rees, E. F. Aguilar, W. K. Hutchison, G. K. Dwight, A. N. Ostroma, A. W. Howe, Jack Milton and Charles E. Frasier.

That Superintendent Hugh Tucker was the official censor at the school was brought out this morning in the testimony of Kanekoa Baker, who said that he was an inmate of the school and that he has been cook for the last three years. Baker said that the meat from the cow which had fallen off the cliff was rotten when it was brought into the kitchen, and that later he wrote a letter to Henry W. Kinney, superintendent of public instruction, complaining about the meat.

Tucker got the letter, Baker said, and then gave the boy 42 "straps" for writing it. Baker said that the meat which was used for stew was so rotten that he got orders to put curry in it to overcome the odor. Other portions of the cow, he added, were left in the storeroom until they became full of worms.

Superintendent Tucker, when called as a witness, testified that when he sent some of the boys after the cow, they reported that the cow was dead and that the body was still warm. He added that that part of the cow which was not bruised was used for food. Both the boys and the teachers ate the meat, he said, and he declared that the meat was not rotten.

Regarding the food at the school, Tucker said that a boy did not like the mush which was served for breakfast, he got nothing as a substitute. Tucker admitted that he had received complaints from the boys that the meals were not sufficient.

"It is a case of the boys eating what is put before them or going without."

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REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE DOLE HELD UNLIKELY

Cablegram From Washington Indicates He Will Be Displaced

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The resignation of Jeff McCann, U. S. district attorney for Hawaii, was accepted today, to take effect when he is relieved of office.

C. S. ALBERT.

Federal Judge Dole is not likely to be reappointed, according to a private cablegram which came to Honolulu last night from Washington and is covered from an authoritative source.

Judge Dole's term expires the day after tomorrow. It is said by the legal fraternity that no provision exists for continuing a federal judge in office after the expiration of his term, so that early action to name his successor is anticipated. Today attorneys in touch with the situation said regretfully that they believe there is little hope that the veteran jurist will be retained on the bench.

A well-defined "hunch" exists also that a mainlander is to be named either for the district attorney's place when Jeff McCann makes his exit, or for Judge Dole's position on the bench. In some quarters the rumor printed in this paper a few days ago, that a Georgian is slated for a good federal judiciary position here, is given more and more weight.

TERRITORY'S CASE IN TRANSIT SUIT COMPLETED TODAY

The territory today closed its case in its injunction suit against the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company.

C. G. Ballentyne, manager of the Rapid Transit, was the first witness for the company. His testimony had largely to do with the history of the company since its formation. Mr. Ballentyne was to be further examined this afternoon.

In a recent annual report of the director of the United States Mint the world's total gold production in the 11 years from 1900 to 1910, both inclusive, is given as \$4,037,621,000. Of this India absorbed \$432,800,000.

TEUTON BOMB PLOTS

EIGHTY MILLIONS FOR COAST DEFENSES WANTED; BULGARS CLAIM VICTORY OVER ALLIES

BERLIN DESPATCHES SAY CZAR FERDINAND'S FORCES HAVE BROKEN ANGLO-FRENCH FRONT ON GREEK BORDER—LATEST PRUSSIAN CASUALTY LISTS SAID TO SHOW TWO AND A QUARTER MILLION MEN DISABLED

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Further "bomb plots" are being uncovered as the result of the indictments of three alleged Teuton agents on the charge of conspiracy to destroy munition plants and cripple shipping clearing from American ports. The federal indictments reveal that plans were on foot for the destruction of munition plants in Aetna, Indiana, and Ishpeming, Michigan, also that Gary, Indiana, site of the great United States Steel Corporation plant, and Pingle, California, were likewise suggested for operations.

Letters have been secured by the U. S. investigators containing plans alleged to have been written by one Louis Smith. Smith is a government witness against Baron von Brincken, who has been connected with the San Francisco German consulate, Mrs. Margaret Cornell and G. C. Crowley, formerly a special detective in the office of the district attorney. Mrs. Cornell is alleged to be an agent of Crowley, who is accused of being a German agent. They are indicted on a charge of violation of neutrality.

It is believed that the names of Capt. Boy-Ed and von Papen, the military and naval attaches who have been recalled at the peremptory request of the United States, figure in this correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—In a bill prepared by the war department and ready for introduction in Congress, an increase of nearly 300 per cent over the appropriation of last year is asked for big guns and coast fortifications.

The bill is the fortifications bill dealing with the ordnance needed and the further fortifying of the coast defense districts. Last year the sum of \$6,060,316 was spent. For this year \$23,305,123 is asked. Included in this is the cost of new sites for coast forts. The scheme proposes to spend \$80,000,000 for coast defenses in four years.

In the annual report of Secretary of War Garrison, which reached Honolulu by mail yesterday, the following reference is made to this tremendous coast defense scheme:

"For the purpose of ascertaining the requirements with respect to the coast defense fortifications, the secretary of war some months ago created a board composed of the heads of all departments having to do with this subject matter. Space and other considerations make it undesirable to go into the matter as reported upon by them, in detail; it is sufficient to say that they have given the entire subject full consideration, aided by reports and suggestions of those on the ground and familiar therewith. Under their instructions they were to report upon any needed fortifications at places where they do not now exist, any change at existing fortifications, and any supplements thereto. They have prepared elaborate reports covering all these points and have suggested a total expenditure during the next four years of \$80,000,000 in annual increments of \$20,000,000 each.

"The board reported an irreducible minimum for additional sea-coast defenses, necessary accessories, and an adequate reserve of ammunition, totaling \$81,677,000, of which there would be used:

In continental United States \$60,540,000
Over seas 21,137,000

"This board estimates that appropriations can be expended to the greatest advantage at an annual rate of approximately \$20,000,000, thus completing the work in four years."

Greek Food Supply Hit By Allies

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 14.—Greece has commandeered all Greek shipping between Great Britain and the United States in an effort to supply the deficiency in her food and coal supply as a result of the restrictions on her commerce imposed by the Entente powers.

An Athens despatch this afternoon says that Germany will protest against further concessions by Greece to the Allies.

Berlin Claims Bulgarians Victorious

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 14.—The Bulgarians fighting the Allies near the Greek border have broken through the Anglo-French line, separating the British and French contingents and are pursuing the retreating forces. A long section of the French front has been captured.

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"German Headquarters' Report, Dec. 14.—General Todorow's army has occupied Doiran and Greveli. No more French and English troops are free in Macedonian territory. Nearly two English divisions were annihilated in these combats."

Great Losses Ascribed to Prussians

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Dec. 14.—The latest Prussian casualty lists, according to the newspapers, contain 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making a total of 2,244,248 casualties, exclusive of the Turkish, Bavarian and other lists.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 14.—There is a possibility of a continuance of the peace discussion in the Reichstag, according to a Leipzig paper, which states that 34 Socialist members have signed a declaration of dissatisfaction with the results of the recent discussion.

JUDGE STUART SAYS ACT AT POPULAR IS MERE DEMONSTRATION

Circuit Judge T. B. Stuart, Herbert G. Lowry, sporting editor of the Advertiser, George Curtis and James Lynch were summoned as witnesses during the hearing this afternoon of the case of W. R. Hughes, Fred Dyer, Joe Potts and Jack Barnes, who were arrested by the federal officials yesterday on a charge of conducting a prize fight.

Judge Stuart testified that he had seen the "exhibition" at the Popular theater last Saturday night and that, in his opinion, it was simply a sparring match in which the opponents "lapped" each other. It was only a demonstration of the science of boxing, he said.

It was expected that Commissioner G. S. Curry would make disposition of the case late this afternoon.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass.—Albert A. La Plante, of Williamstown, has been elected captain of the William College football team for next year. He has played at end and quarterback.

MEMORIALS

Bronze, Granite and Marble.
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